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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2006.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 and 20-24 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-18 and 20-24 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 24 July 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/17/06 and 9/6/06.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 7/24/06. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-11, 14-18, and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hang et al (Digital HDTV Compression Using Parallel Motion-Compensated Transform Coders).

Hang et al, in Figures 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10, discloses the same scalable motion image compression system capable of processing a digital motion image stream wherein the digital motion image stream has an associated transmission rate as specified in claims 1-11, 14-18, and 20-24 of the present invention, the system comprising a decomposition module (e.g. windowing, filtering, or sub-sampling) of receiving the digital motion image stream at the transmission rate in substantially real-time and decomposing the digital motion image stream into component parts; and a compression module (e.g. encoding processor) of receiving each of the component parts from the decomposition module at transmission rate, compressing each of the component parts in parallel in a separate compression unit creating a plurality of compressed component parts (Fig. 2), and sending each of the compressed component

parts to a separate memory location (e.g. buffer).

With respect to claims 2-11, 14-18, and 20-24, Hang et al also discloses one or more subband coding (Fig. 9), spatial, and temporal decomposition circuits operating in parallel (Fig. 15); wherein the decomposition module determines a number of compression units necessary to accommodate the transmission rate based upon throughput of a compression unit and decomposes the digital motion image signal stream into a number of component parts at least equal to the determined number of compression units (Fig. 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hang et al in view of Sirohey et al (2002/0057844).

Although Hang et al discloses a decomposition module, it is noted Hang et al differs from the present invention in that it fails to particularly disclose specific types of decomposition as specified in claims 12 and 13. Sirohey et al however, in Figures 14-26, teaches the concept of such well known color de-correlation process.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, having both the references of Hang et al and Sirohey et al before him/her, to exploit the common color decomposition process as taught by

Sirohey et al in the scalable motion image compression system of Hang et al in order to have a more versatile system that can efficiently process color images.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 and 20-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7334. The examiner can normally be reached on (571) 272-7334.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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